

Vibrations

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One of District's Own Honoured

On September 07 in a ceremony at Long Island Park just north of Manotick Mr. Nick Tunnacliffe, Commissioner of Planning and Development Approvals for the former Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton, was honoured for his more than 25 years of visionary leadership in the field of planning in the Ottawa area. In recognition of this service an art work consisting of two stone benches was unveiled. On one of the benches a bird's nest is lodged to recognize Nick's concern for stewardship and open space preservation. The second is a text bench inscribed with the Latin words "*Aer, Aqua, Terra in Futurum*".

A resolution from the Council of the Region of Ottawa-Carleton aptly describes the career and accomplishments of Nick Tunnacliffe namely:

"WHEREAS on 31 December 2000, after more than twenty-six years of service with the Corporation of the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton - the last twelve years as Commissioner of the Planning and Development Approvals Department - Nicholas (Nick) Tunnacliffe, MCIP, RPP will retire from his position with the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS Nick Tunnacliffe began his career with Regional Government in 1970 and held in succession several senior positions in Planning, with responsibilities in recent years for economic development, property services and geomatics;

AND WHEREAS during this time Nick Tunnacliffe led the development of three Official Plans which have shaped our community and together have supported so many of the features we value today, including a vibrant downtown, protected environmental areas and river corridors, and a sustainable approach to transportation;

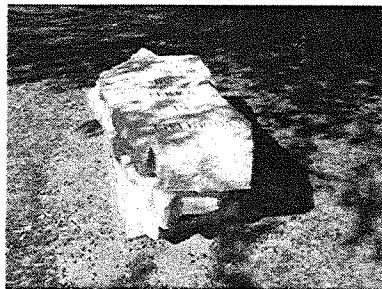
AND WHEREAS the life work of Nick Tunnacliffe has generally advanced the profession of planning in Ontario and Canada through a precedent-setting research program in Ottawa-Carleton, through lectures in the academic community, and through leadership in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario, the Transportation Association of Canada, and other national and provincial bodies;

AND WHEREAS throughout this long and memorable career, Nick Tunnacliffe provided visionary leadership to his staff and practiced the highest level of professionalism as an advisor to Council and the community;

Therefore I, Bob Chiarelli, Regional Chair on behalf of Council, express our thanks with the presentation of this Resolution to Nick Tunnacliffe, and by the commissioning of a work of public art for a waterfront open space acquired by the Region, in recognition of Nick Tunnacliffe's life-long dedication to excellence in planning."

Robert Chiarelli, Chairman/Président

The District joins in wishing Nick all the best in his new position as Planning Commissioner for the Region of Peel.



The "Text" Bench at Long Island Park

• The Nest Bench with views of the river



Feature Article

Green Meets Asphalt: Design Workshop Creates Rural Road Corridor Guidelines

Prepared by Nancy Smith

"If we can develop roads that are attractive public spaces, community-building places, then we will have successfully designed one third of the city and will have an immense effect on the rest."

-Allan Jacobs, *Great Streets* (1995)

A Design Workshop this spring provided a unique opportunity to help plan a rural road corridor in the Kemptville area.

County Road 43 runs through the middle of the amalgamated municipality of North Grenville and is the main east-west road through much of Eastern Ontario, running 150 km from Alexandria on the east Perth on the west. The 5 km stretch of County Road 43 that borders the north edge of Kemptville is facing a potential 200 percent increase in commercial development over the next 20 years.

The goal of the workshop? To provide corridor design guidelines that would showcase North Grenville as a high quality, green community, and a good place to live and do business.

The study built on the pioneering efforts of the [former] Region of Ottawa-Carleton in the development of their *Regional Road Corridor Design Guidelines* (July 2000).

The result is a set of practical guidelines for the planning of the corridor as a public space, with an implementation strategy and suggested initial projects. The Township and County are already implementing some recommendations, and using the report in their budget planning for next year.

Several unique features of the project are of interest.

The workshop team was multi-disciplinary: architects, engineers, landscape architects, and planners, plus students from both planning and architecture created a synergy that yielded speedy and creative results. All volunteered their time for the workshop weekend and for advance preparation.

The project was enthusiastically supported from the beginning by both planning and engineering staff at the Township and County, and by both Councils. This augurs well for implementation.

The team was able to move from problem to analysis to implementation in a very short time, thanks to the sense of urgency and focus on practicality provided by the municipalities, and to lead time and preparation that allowed ideas to simmer before the workshop.

The communications strategy focussed on the invisibility of the road corridor, using the tag line, "Worth a Second Look." Overlapping communications tools were tailored to the different stakeholders and an hour was set aside for a special briefing for councillors, which virtually all council members attended. Although Township staff warned that the public rarely came to municipal consultations, over 50 people attended a Friday evening "Drop In", many staying more than an hour to talk with team members, examine displays, and write down their comments.

One of the challenges for the *Regional Road Guidelines* was to make them useful for the broad range of regional road types in Ottawa-Carleton. However, a reverse thinking process was necessary for County Road 43: the guidelines had to move from broad and general to focused and specific. This may well be the process for other adaptations of the Ottawa-Carleton work.

CIP / OPPI Conference attendees ranked capital projects for the corridor, rating rebuilding of the County Road 43/44 Crossroads, planting of trees, and opening up of the Kemptville Creek Bridge as top priorities.

The Design Workshop approach, according to Leeds and Grenville County planner Sandy Hay, provided a rapid response to growth pressures, joined County capital works planning and Township land use planning in an integrated effort, encouraged community involvement, and brought design and vision to the process. A balance was achieved between green planning and road corridor development. Both Councils have a basis for budget deliberations and infrastructure investment that is forward-looking and publicly supported.

And a good time was had by all!

Nancy Smith was project manager for the County Road 43 Design Workshop, and can be reached at nancylou@cyberus.ca. The final report and guidelines are available on CD from the Township of North Grenville (613)258-7612.

Awards

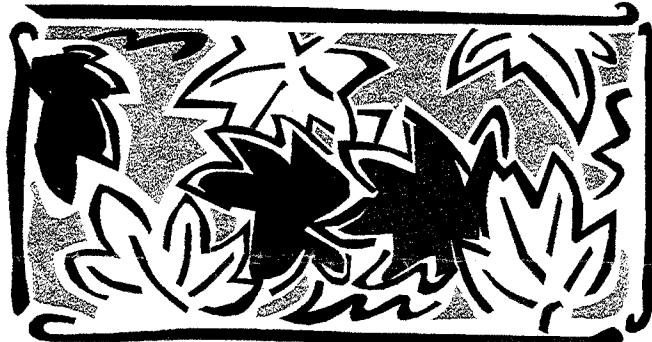
"Excellent" Awards News

By Alice Fyfe

I'm pleased to report that OPPI received a record amount of submissions for the Excellence in Planning Awards for 2001. In total, 43 submissions - twice the amount from last year - were submitted. An awards luncheon will be held to recognize the winners at both the District and Provincial levels as part of OPPI's upcoming Policy Symposium on October 18, 2001 in Kitchener. If you can't make it to the Policy Symposium, be sure to check out the next edition of Vibrations for news on the winner from Eastern Ontario.

Speaking of our district, a big thank you goes out to Tim Chadder (J.L Richards), Judy Flavin (City of Ottawa), Mary Gracie (City of Ottawa), Dave Krajaefski (OMM/Trow), John Meligrana (Queen's University), and Lloyd Phillips (Lloyd Phillips and Associates), all of whom served on the Eastern

District juries overseeing the submissions for the OPPI Excellence in Planning Awards. The judging involved a significant amount of time and effort, and their involvement is greatly appreciated.



Fall splendour in black and white....

ATTENTION

Students at Queen's School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP) take note: the deadline for the Eastern Ontario Graduate Student Research Grant is coming up on **November 30th, 2001**. The value of the award has been increased this year to **\$1,000**. To be eligible for the award, candidates must be full-time graduate students at SURP and a student member of OPPI. Further details regarding the award are currently available on the OPPI web-site (www.ontarioplanners.on.ca), and will be provided directly to SURP students in October.

Student Research Grant

Application deadline

November 30, 2001

Comings and Goings

Dave Gordon will spend the next academic year as a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania's planning school. He will teach a course on public-private partnerships and work on a book on the planning history of world capitals. He can be reached at davidgor@pobox.upenn.edu Dave and his family intend to enjoy big city life in downtown Philadelphia. He will return to Queen's in September 2002 with his intellectual batteries recharged and some new courses ready to go.

Brian Humphries, formerly Senior Planner with the Township of Rideau, has recently retired from the City of Ottawa. Brian had many years of experience in the Ottawa area in both the private and public sectors.

Ramblings From Ron

August 16, 2001

As my tour of duty as Chair of the Eastern District of OPPI is drawing to a close, I am writing this as the last Ramblings. This has given me cause to read over two-years of Vibrations back-issues to see where the time has gone, and to help remind me of all the OPPI affairs over that time, at the Provincial and District levels. On reflection, I'm proud of what our teams have accomplished.

Provincially, Council has been preoccupied with the roll out of the organization's Strategic Plan. We have made successful forays into the public policy arena, capturing government and media attention with our public positions on the Oak Ridges Moraine and Affordable Housing. We have bolstered our standard of professionalism by adding personal liability insurance to our package of membership services. This bold step was resoundingly confirmed by mail ballot last fall. Our current input to the government's Smart Growth debates, an overhaul of the OPPI website, and our upcoming efforts at re-branding are a few of the ongoing initiatives.

In the Eastern District, our challenge has been to remain relevant during a period of municipal and administrative restructuring that has affected almost every planner between Pembroke and Kingston. The OPPI workshops on restructuring in the Ottawa area helped manage some anxieties and gave all members a chance to learn from others and voice their views. The Growing Pains event this past spring helped remind us of our devotion as planners to managing the quality of life of our urban and rural areas, despite whatever structure we work in.

Having reflected on our successes, the challenge I put out to my successor will be to better involve our members from all corners of the district. We are working towards an event in Kingston in 2002 possibly in collaboration with the Upstate New York chapter of the American Planners' Association and Queens University. Hopefully we can find other similar ways to better engage planners working in the areas outside of Ottawa. The District Executive will always be open to suggestions.

Finally, kudos must go to the district members involved in organizing and volunteering for the OPPI/CIP mega-conference in July. The quality of the program was unparalleled and the venue showcased our city planning successes in the Nation's Capital. It looked great on all of us! Possibly we can compare notes when I see you at OPPI's one-day Policy Symposium and awards lunch in Kitchener on October 18. If I miss you there, I'll surely see you at our district Annual General Meeting here in Ottawa on October 25 which will be my final duty as District Chair. Cheers!

Ronald A. Clarke, MCIP, RPP
Eastern District Chair
Principal, Delcan Corporation

"I'm proud of what our teams
have accomplished. "

Ron Clarke, outgoing EOD
Chair

UPCOMING PROGRAM EVENTS

Queen's University "Meet the Students"

Night – October 17, 2001

Help OPPI Eastern District welcome new students to the profession and the planning community. A social will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at the Queen's University Club to introduce Queen's University School of Urban and Regional Planning students to OPPI.

All Eastern District members are encouraged to attend the event, to serve as a resource for new students wishing to learn more about the many facets of the profession.

Eastern District Annual General

Meeting – October 25, 2001

Mark your calendar now for the Eastern Ontario District Annual General Meeting and Dinner. The AGM will be held on **Thursday, October 25, 2001** in Ottawa.

More information on the event will follow in a separate mailout to Eastern District members.

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2001 – A Spatial Odyssey Success

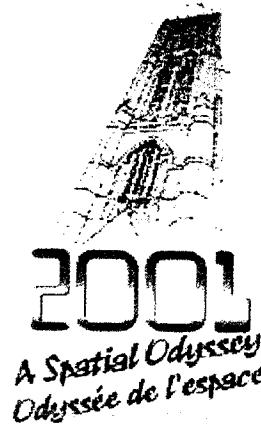
Contributed by Dr. David Gordon
Conference Co-chair

The conference volunteers are exhausted and relieved from hosting the largest-ever gathering of Canadian planners. Almost 800 joined us in Ottawa for a diverse and large programme. Many EOD planners joined us for an amazing street party at the ByWard Market. Kudos to the Social Committee led by Marc Sarrazin.

The conference committee pulled off a last minute miracle, when Sir Peter Hall could not travel due to illness. We got Sir Peter Hall on videotape and Maryland Smart Growth wizard John Frece agreed to give a Keynote

speech on two days' notice. The deal was that we show his family a good time, since they were on vacation. A couple of Annapolis teenagers went home happy after the Blues Festival, Francophonie Games cultural events, a boat cruise and ByWard Market street performers...

EOD's **Pamela Sweet**, now with Fotten Consultants, and **Mohammad Qadeer** of Queen's University were honoured to become Fellows of the CIP at the Conference Banquet. It is not clear whether the social highlight of the night was provided by Bowzer and Blue's comedy or Pamela Sweet and Robert Tennant's entrance in 2001: Space Oddity spacesuits...



Membership Committee

September, 2001

Over the course of my first year as chairman of Membership Committee I have found the work to be ongoing and complex. Although my grasp of the policies and procedures involved with membership is steadily improving I can appreciate how an individual could take a considerable period to gain a sweeping knowledge of its intricacies like that of my predecessor Nigel Brereton. I wish to thank Nigel and the other members of Membership Committee for assisting over the past year to keep the machinery of memberships running smoothly.

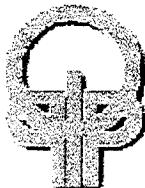
We continue to accept new provisional members, review and validate the log books of these provisional members, and to conduct Exam "A" which is the final step to full membership. I have met several times with the other district membership chairs and Kennedy Self, the chairman of OPPI Membership Committee to conduct the intricate business of keeping account of our membership. We have also addressed some policy issues, such as the harmonization of membership standards across the country.

A couple of issues which I hope to address in the next year are the large number of provisional members who are stalled in the process of eventually becoming members, and the ongoing need for sponsors to assist these provisional members to reach their goal of full membership. Anyone with ideas relating to these issues are welcome to call me with their advise.

As a measure to assist some of our longstanding colleagues in the planning profession to gain their membership OPPI is again offering a **workshop for senior practitioners** (20+ years of service). It is to be held at the Don Valley Holiday Inn in Toronto on the weekend starting **October 26th**. Please advise me if you are personally interested or if there is someone you would suggest for this limited opportunity.

Charles Lanktree, RPP, OALA Vice Chair EOD

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"ongoing need for sponsors "



Eastern Ontario District

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www.ontarioplanners.on.ca

PROGRAM EVENTS (continued)

P.P.S. 5 YEAR REVIEW

Workshop planned for Friday September 28. Time and location to be announced separately.

URBAN FORUM LECTURE SERIES

October 10, 2001 - The Federal Government's Role in Cities

November 14, 2001 - Ride the Wave: Ottawa's Waterfront

Urban Forum lectures are held in the Champlain Room, City of Ottawa, at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Nadia DeSanti, OPPI's representative on the Urban Forum Steering Committee at 738-4160

A.D. LATORNELL CONSERVATION SYMPOSIUM

November 14, 15 & 16 2001 @ the Nottawasaga Inn and Convention Centre in Alliston, Ontario

Information: Lee-Anne Milburn at the University of Guelph

Telephone (519) 824-4120 or

check out the web site at www.uoguelph.ca/~claws/latornell

OPPI Policy Symposium

Kitchener, Ontario

October 19, 2001

Sheraton Four Points Hotel

The upcoming OPPI Policy Symposium has a full agenda planned for the day, including the OPPI Annual General Meeting, Awards Luncheon, a mobile workshop, and a special student session.

The Symposium will be Chaired by Ms. Diana Santo, MCIP, RPP. Ms. Santo is the Vice-President of PricewaterhouseCoopers' Real Estate Advisory Services Practice in Toronto. She has more than 35 years of experience in areas of land use planning, land development, municipal and provincial policy, and growth management and development strategies.

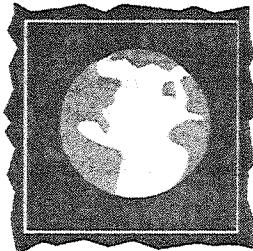
OPPI's second Policy Development Paper, Exploring Growth Management Roles in Ontario: Learning from "Who Does What" Elsewhere will be released at the Symposium.

This paper explores growth management strategies for Ontario's urban and rural communities. Melanie Hare of Urban Strategies Inc. will present case study research of select North American cities that offer lessons related to growth manage-

ment initiatives with a particular focus on effective tools and roles applicable to the management of municipal growth in Ontario. The presentation will feature a number of key recommendations and will be followed by a panel discussion.

OPPI's Urban Design Working Group (UDWG) has organized a mobile workshop for the afternoon to complement the Growth Management Policy Paper presentation. The workshop will be led by members of OPPI's Urban Design Working Group - Dan Leeming and Alex Taranu, assisted by local planners Michael Crechiolo and Ryan Munsey. They will use the New Urbanist concept of the Transect to illustrate the tour.

To register for the Policy Symposium, contact OPPI at 1-800-668-1448.



Planet Earth

Vibrations

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Planners' Soap Box

No submissions yet! Is there an area of professional practice that is frustrating you? Is there a local planning issue that could benefit from another look? Constructive dialogue is healthy for any profession. In 500 words or so let us know what you think. Remember the Code of Professional Conduct however. We'll keep running this space until we fill it.

Book Corner

Hope springs eternal! Planners do read. Please share with us in a couple of paragraphs what you learned.

Suggestions:

Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream

Andres Duany Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk Jeff Speck

Publisher: North Point Press

Urban Future 21: A Global Agenda for Twenty-First Century Cities

Peter Geoffrey Hall, Ulrich Pfeiffer

Publisher: Routledge

Or for refresher reading

The Death and Life of Great American Cities

Jane M. Jacobs

Publisher: Random House

Publications Committee Calling all members

Vibrations is an Eastern District tradition. Considerable effort goes into every edition. In recent years there has been significant turn over in the production volunteers. Anecdotal feedback from the membership indicates that the effort is appreciated. A survey might afford the opportunity to collect empirical data but one might surmise the return rate would be low. Each issue costs in the vicinity of \$200.00 to produce; that's a significant proportion of the District budget.

In 2002 it is anticipated a new era in publication of Vibrations will be embarked upon. We are actively considering entering the "paperless" world with publication only on the revamped OPPI web site. This will substantially reduce the cost of distributing the publication and free up budget dollars for other pursuits.

Preparation of a useful, meaningful publication can not be a one person "show". The depth and breadth of the experience of our membership needs to be tapped in order for a worthwhile product to result.

This is a call then for members to join (or rejoin) our Publications Committee. A member or members with experience in web based publishing would be particularly welcome. Also required are members willing to attend program events and prepare articles for the benefit of others unable to participate and so assist in furthering professional development. We also need assistance in soliciting articles.

Please contact Don Maciver by telephone at 692-3571 x 105 or by e-mail at dmacplan@rideauvalley.on.ca if you are interested. We'll organize a meeting; if you CAN help there could be a free beer or glass of pop in your future.

